

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter in claims 1-7.

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-6 are submitted herewith to overcome the objections thereto.

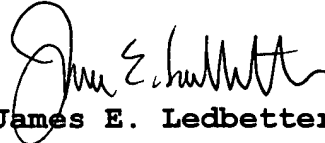
Claims 1-4, 6, and 8 have been amended for clarity and to overcome the objections to claims 1-8 and the rejection of claim 8 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The amendments are deemed to be non-narrowing, and no estoppel should be considered to attach thereto.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE DRAWINGS

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-6 are submitted herewith, with a Letter to the Official Draftsman.